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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 28th February, 1949.

No. 20(2)-T.B./48.—In their Resolution in the Department of Commerce No. 218-T(48)/47, dated the 27th April, 1947, the Government of India referred to the Tariff Board a claim to protection received from the bobbins industry. The Board, having considered this claim, has submitted its report to Government. Its main recommendations are as follows:—

- "(1) So long as the licensing of imports of bobbins is continued for balance of payments considerations, the desirability of maintaining and expanding the indigenous production of the article should be kept in view and the quantum of imports should be regulated accordingly.
- (2) The existing restrictions on the import of cotton mill and jute mill bobbins should cover spare parts of jute mill bobbins as well.
- (3) The Annual Statement of the Seaborne Trade should record separately the numbers of (i) jute mill bobbins and parts, (ii) cotton mill bobbins and parts, and (iii) bobbins required for woollen, silk and rayon mills.
- (4) The manufacturers of bobbins should take ear'y steps to equip their units with modern muchinery and tools. Government should give them facilities to import such machinery and too's.
- (5) The present facilities for the supply of the three types of timber to the bobbin manufacturers viz. haldu, kalam and mango should be enlarged. Government should arrange to have adequate tests carried out regarding the suitability of different kinds of timber for the manufacture of bobbins and secure the co-operation of textile mills for this purpose.
- (6) So long as import restrictions on timber continue for balance of payments consideration imports of foreign timber for the manufacture of bobbins should be permitted only to the extent necessary to supplement the supply of indigenous timber and that all applications for permits to import timber for this purpose should be scrutinised before such permits are issued.

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- (7) The two Sub-Committees recently appointed by the Indian Standards Institution to evolve standard specifications for jute mill bobbins and cotton mill bobbins respectively, should be required to expedite their work.
- (8) Pending adoption of standard specifications, Government should appoint two timber experts, one from the Director General of industry and Supply and another from the Forest Research institute, Dehra Dun, to carry out a rapid survey of the industry and draw up a list of factories which are suitably equipped to produce quality bobbins. Such factories may be called "approved" factories.
- (9) The jute and cotton mill industries should buy their requirements of bobbins, as far as available, from "approved" factories."
- 2. As regards recommendations (1) and (6) they will be given due consideration in the administration of the policy regarding imports, and in the revision of that policy from time to time, for so long as import control is necessitated by exchange considerations. So far as recommendation (2) is concerned, the existing import restrictions on bobbins cover spare parts of jute mill bobbins as wel'.
- 3. Government accept recommendations (3) and (7) and necessary action will be taken to implement them. Recommendations (5), (8) and (9) are under active consideration in the Ministries of I. & S. and Agriculture.
- 4. The Government of India wish to draw the attention of the industry to recommendation (4) contained in paragraph 1 of this Resolution and expect the industry to take necessary steps to implement it: Government will grant all reasonable facilities in this regard when approached by the industry.

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Provin-Governments, all Chief Commissioners, Ministry of External Affairs (External Affairs Wing), Ministry of External Affairs (Commonwealth Relations Wing), and the several Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat. Cabinet Sectt., the Private and Military Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Central Board of Revenue, the Auditor General, the Director General of Employment and Resettlement, the Director General. Industry and Supply, the High Commissioners for India in London, Colombo, Ottawa, Karachi and Canberra; the Indian Ambassadors Tehran, Kathmandu, Rangoon, Cairo, Kabul, Ankara, at Nanking, Moscow. Washington, Prague, and Rio de Jancrio; Charge d' Affaires of India in Paris and Brussels; Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of India, Bangkok and Berne; Consuls General for India in Batavia; Buenos Aires, Shanghai, Pondicherry, Saigon, Kashgir, New York and San Francisco; The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Lahore, London and Ducca; The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johanesburg; Agents of the Government of India in Kanday and Kuala Lumpar; Consuls for India at Saigon, Goa and Jedda; Vice Consuls for India at Medan and Zehedan; The Indian Political Officer, Sikkim; The Representative of the Government of India in Singapur; The Commissioners for the Government of India in Trinidad, Nairobi, Mauritius and Fiji, Head of the Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo; Head of the Military Mission, Berlin; Indian Government Trade Commissioners in Toronto, Sydney, Mombassa, Colombo. Paris and Karachi; Assistant Indian Government Trade Commissioner, Dacca;

Commercial Adviser to the High Commissioner in U.K., London; Commercial Secretaries to the Indian Embassies at Alexandria, Rio De Janorio, Rangoon, Tehran and Kabul; Commissioner Genera' for Commercial and Economic Affairs in Europe, Paris; His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in India; United States Embassy, New Delhi; The Canadian Trade Commissioner India; The Australian Trade Commissioner in India; The Norwegian Consul General, Bombay; The High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, New Delhi; The Directors of Industries of Saurashtra Union, Rajkot; the Union State of Matsya, Alwar; the United State of Vindhya Pradesh, Rewa; the State of Rajasthan, Udaipur, Gwaliar, Indore, Malwa Union. Patiu a and East Punjab States Union, Patiala; Editor, Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, P-Block, Raisina Road, New Delhi; Indian Consul of Agriculture Research; Indian Standard Institution, De'hi; Free India Bervice, Tamrind House, Tamrind Lane, Fort Bombay; The Economic Adviser to the Government of India; Economic Adviser to the Raysthan Union; The Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta; Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Bombay; The Secretary, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, New Delhi; and All recognised Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations.

Ordered that a copy be communicated to the Government of Burma. Ordered also that it be published in the Gazette of India.

S. RANGANATHAN,

Joint Secretary.